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Idaho Milk Production up 12.3 Percent

Idaho milk production during November 2005 totaled 838 million pounds, a 12.3 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 41 million pounds from October 2005. Revised production for October 2005 totaled 879 million pounds, down 5 million pounds from the preliminary estimate, but 12.5 percent above October 2004. Average milk production per cow in November 2005 was 1,780 pounds, a 60 pound increase from November 2004, but 90 pounds less than October 2005. The average number of milk cows during November was 471,000 head, up 1,000 head from October 2005 and up 37,000 head from November 2004.

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 4.6 percent from November 2004. October revised production, at 13.3 billion pounds, was up 4.0 percent from October 2004. The October revision represented a decrease of 17 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,590 pounds for November, 59 pounds above November 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.16 million head, 60,000 head more than November 2004, and 2,000 head more than October 2005.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, November 2004-2005

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2004
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
Arizona	168	161	1,760	1,840	296	296	
California	1,741	1,770	1,700	1,725	2,960	3,053	3.1
Colorado	103	106	1,760	1,820	181	193	6.6
Florida	137	136	1,250	1,210	171	165	-3.5
IDAHO	434	471	1,720	1,780	746	838	12.3
Illinois	106	104	1,450	1,480	154	154	
Indiana	154	157	1,540	1,650	237	259	9.3
Iowa	190	187	1,610	1,620	306	303	-1.0
Kansas	112	112	1,580	1,670	177	187	5.6
Kentucky	109	102	1,030	1,040	112	106	-5.4
Michigan	306	312	1,660	1,735	508	541	6.5
Minnesota	460	450	1,390	1,445	639	650	1.7
Missouri	120	114	1,215	1,230	146	140	-4.1
New Mexico	322	337	1,605	1,720	517	580	12.2
New York	651	648	1,410	1,485	918	962	4.8
Ohio	266	270	1,390	1,400	370	378	2.2
Oregon	120	121	1,490	1,490	179	180	0.6
Pennsylvania	563	556	1,420	1,500	799	834	4.4
Texas	320	321	1,455	1,630	466	523	12.2
Vermont	144	142	1,415	1,460	204	207	1.5
Virginia	104	105	1,340	1,370	139	144	3.6
Washington	235	242	1,825	1,835	429	444	3.5
Wisconsin	1,237	1,238	1,415	1,485	1,750	1,838	5.0
23 STATE TOTAL	8,102	8,162	1,531	1,590	12,404	12,975	4.6

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 8 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on December 1, 2005 totaled 280,000 head, down 8 percent from the December 1, 2004 inventory. The inventory was down 3 percent from the number on hand November 1, 2005. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 49,000 head, down 1,000 head from November 2004 placements. Marketings during November totaled 57,000 head, up 9,000 from November 2004 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on December 1, 2005. The inventory was 3

percent above December 1, 2004 and 3 percent above December 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.05 million, 17 percent above 2004 and 6 percent above 2003. Net placements were 1.95 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 660,000, 600-699 pounds were 650,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 315,000. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.70 million, 4 percent above 2004 and 11 percent above 2003. Other disappearance totaled 91,000 during November, 16 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	December 1, 2004	November 1, 2005	December 1, 2005		
			Number	As % of 2004	As % of Nov
	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---		
Arizona	329	*323	328	100	102
California	530	545	550	104	101
Colorado	1,100	1,030	1,070	97	104
Idaho	305	290	280	92	97
Iowa		475	500	115	105
Kansas	2,390	2,410	2,470	103	102
Nebraska	2,300	2,280	2,400	104	105
New Mexico	129	141	137	106	97
Oklahoma	355	360	365	103	101
South Dakota	186	161	190	102	118
Texas	2,740	2,970	2,940	107	99
Washington	185	163	161	87	99
Other States	350	325	335	96	103
United States	11,334	*11,473	11,726	103	102

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. * Revised.

Frozen Potato and Dairy Product Stocks

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on November 30, 2005, totaled 906 million pounds, down 6 percent from October 31, 2005, and down 6 percent from November 30, 2004. Other frozen potatoes, at 217 million pounds, were down 9 percent from October stocks and down 17 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on November 30, 2005, totaled 61.3 million pounds, down 37 percent from the end of the previous month, but up 7 percent from November 30, 2004. Of this 61.3 million pounds, the government owned 58,000 pounds. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 509 million pounds, down 5 percent from October 31, 2005, but up 6 percent from last year. The government owned 801,000 pounds of the American cheese stocks.

Commodity	Nov. 30, 2004	Oct. 31, 2005	Nov. 30, 2005	2005 2004
	1,000 Pounds			Percent
POTATOES:				
French Fries	959,360	962,477	906,102	94
Other Frozen	259,985	237,494	217,051	83
TOTAL	1,219,345	1,199,971	1,123,153	92
DAIRY				
Butter	57,177	98,112	61,324	107
(Gov't. Owned)	143	40	58	41
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	481,244	536,625	509,246	106
(Gov't. Owned)	4,947	844	801	16

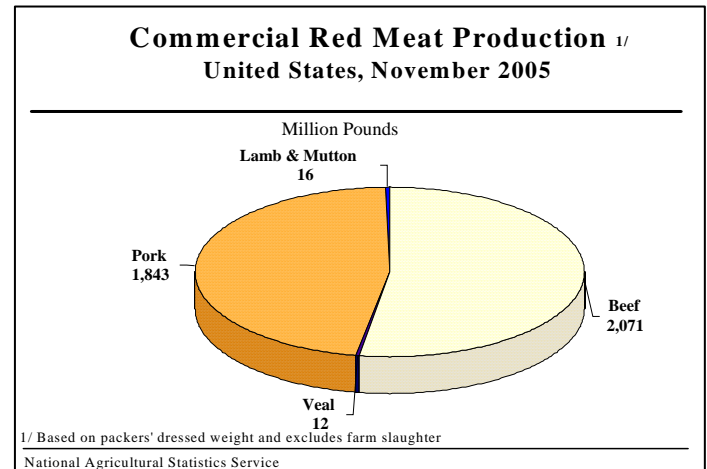
Idaho Red Meat Production Down 41 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for November 2005 totaled 22.4 million pounds, down 41 percent from last year. November production was down 7 percent from the 24.0 million pounds produced in October. Accumulated red meat production for the January-November 2005 period totaled 293 million pounds, down 29 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in November, up 5 percent from the 3.77 billion pounds produced in November 2004. Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.67 million head, up 5 percent from November 2004. The average live weight was up 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,284 pounds. Veal production totaled 12.4 million pounds, 10 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56,300 head, down 17 percent from November 2004. The average live weight was 29 pounds above last year, at 365 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.84 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.13 million head, 2 percent above November 2004. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 272 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.8 million pounds, was down 4 percent from November 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 224,500 head, 7 percent below last year. The

average live weight was 141 pounds, up 5 pounds from November a year ago.

January to November 2005 commercial red meat production was 41.8 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2004. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.



Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States¹

State	November 2004	October 2005	November 2005	November 2005 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				November 2004	October 2005
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	121.7	121.9	129.9	107	107
Colorado	149.2	138.8	143.2	96	103
IDAHO	38.3	24.0	22.4	59	93
Illinois	233.1	236.3	243.9	105	103
Iowa	561.8	567.4	584.1	104	103
Kansas	426.8	482.0	461.6	108	96
Minnesota	198.2	195.7	208.4	105	106
Montana	1.3	1.4	1.4	105	95
Nebraska	560.5	593.1	577.1	103	97
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	150	142
Oklahoma	86.4	93.5	90.3	104	97
Oregon	3.6	3.9	3.9	108	98
South Dakota	92.6	92.4	92.9	100	101
Texas	353.4	400.8	399.5	113	100
Utah	32.0	46.2	44.5	139	96
Washington	41.5	63.8	63.2	152	99
Wyoming	0.6	0.3	0.5	87	168
UNITED STATES	3,770.1	3,925.1	3,942.3	105	100

1/Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2/Percentages based on unrounded data.

2005 Hop Production

Hop production for Idaho, Oregon, and Washington in 2005 totaled 52.9 million pounds, down 4 percent from the 2004 crop of 55.2 million pounds, and 3 percent below the 2003 production of 54.6 million pounds. Idaho's 2005 production increased 4 percent. Production in Washington and Oregon dropped 5 percent and 6 percent, respectively. Acreage increased in all three states in 2005. Washington showed a 9 percent acreage increase. Idaho and Oregon were both up 1 percent. Yields declined in Washington to 1,871 pounds per acre, and in Oregon to 1,560 pounds per acre. Idaho yields averaged 1,640 pounds per acre, 52 pounds more than a year ago.

Hop: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price and Value, 2003-05

Year	Harvested	Yield per Harvest Acre	Production	Marketing Year Average Price	Value of Production	Value per Harvested Acre
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>\$ per Pound</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Idaho						
2003	3,429	1,536	5,266.3	1.62	8,531	2,488
2004	3,253	1,588	5,165.0	1.60	8,264	2,540
2005	3,287	1,640	5,390.9	1.63	8,787	2,673
Oregon						
2003	5,748	1,626	9,347.6	2.31	21,593	3,757
2004	5,107	1,686	8,612.0	2.31	19,894	3,895
2005	5,163	1,560	8,054.0	2.57	20,699	4,009
Washington						
2003	19,492	2,050	39,951.2	1.79	71,513	3,669
2004	19,382	2,137	41,426.9	1.83	75,811	3,911
2005	21,094	1,871	39,469.6	1.87	73,808	3,499
United States						
2003	28,669	1,903	54,565.1	1.86	101,637	3,545
2004	27,742	1,990	55,203.9	1.88	103,969	3,748
2005	29,544	1,791	52,914.5	1.95	103,294	3,496